

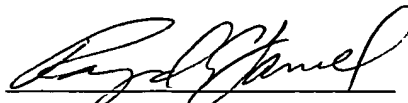
which the present application is a continuation of. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith and is believed to overcome the rejection.

Claims 2-4, 7-9, and 13-21 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 11, 13, and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,463,704 in view of Greenblatt (U.S. 6,427,400). Additionally, claims 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Greenblatt. Claim 27 which depends from claim 26 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and the objection. The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/706,634, filed November 6, 2000 (now U.S. Patent 6,463,704) which claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/163,910 which was filed November 5, 1999. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Greenblatt patent which was filed on February 26, 2001 is not properly citable against the present application as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Withdrawal of the rejection and objection are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, each of pending claims 1-27 is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner find there to be any remaining issues prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance, he is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative to expeditiously resolve any such issues.

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